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SUBJ: CU/ARTS-JOSE LIMON DANCE COMPANY

REF: STATE 279059; DEPOM JUNE 4.

SUMMARY: STANDING OVATION AND ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION FOR
JOSE LIMON DANCE COMPANY IN LISBON

1. THE JOSE LIMON DANCE COMPANY PERFORMED IN LISBON ON
JUNE 16,17,18 AND 19 AT THE PRESTIGIOUS GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION
AND IN EVORA ON JUNE 20 AT THE RECENTLY INSTITUTED REGIONAL
CULTURAL CENTER TO MORE THAN 5,000 DELIGHTED FANS.

2. LISBON'S SOPHISTICATED BALLET PUBLIC AND CRITICS HAILED
COMPANY'S TECHNICAL SKILL AND ARTISTIC QUALITY AS LIVING UP
TO MEMORY OF FIRST JOSE LIMON VISIT IN 1957. THUNDEROUS
OVATIONS WERE GIVEN, IN PARTICULAR, TO "MOOR'S PAVANE"
"THE SHAKERS" AND, ESPECIALLY, "CHOREOGRAPHIC OFFERING".

3. ASSESSMENT OF VISIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FORTHCOMING.

4. EMBASSY DEEPLY INTERESTED IN OFFERING OTHER
AMERICAN PRESENTATIONS (SEPTTEL FORTHCOMING WITH
SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS).

5. ONLY PROGRAMMING POSSIBILITY IS WITH DEPARTMENT
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FUND-SHARING SINCE LOCAL SPONSORS, INCLUDING GULBENKIAN,

CANNOT AFFORD TO COVER TOTAL EXPENSES.

6. NATIONAL OPERA (SAO CARLOS) VERY INTERESTED IN NEW
YORK CITY OPERA PRESENTATION FOR 1977 SEASON (JANUARY
THROUGH MAY).
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